

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a user interface;

a first ~~moveable~~-cover element which is moveable, relative to said user interface, between a first position in which a part of the user interface is covered and a second position in which that part of the user interface is uncovered;

an electrical motor for converting electrical power into a first rotational movement having a first angular speed; and

converting means for converting the rotational movement into a movement of the first ~~moveable~~-cover element between the first position and the second position on a surface of the user interface.

2. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said converting means comprises a gear for converting the first rotational movement into a second rotational movement having a second angular speed that is slower than said first angular speed.

3. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said gear is an epicyclic gear.

4. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 2, wherein the motor and gear are in line with each other.

5. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 2, wherein

the device further comprises a rotatable element for converting said second rotational movement to a translational movement of said first ~~moveable~~cover element.

6. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 5, wherein the motor, gear and the rotatable element are in line with each other.

7. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the user interface has two configurations, a compacted configuration whereby the first ~~moveable~~cover element is in the first position and an expanded configuration whereby the first ~~moveable~~cover element is in the second position.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the portable device comprises a second moveable element which is moved between a third position and a fourth position by the electrical motor.

10. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 9, wherein the electrical motor is arranged to move first ~~moveable~~cover element and the second moveable element simultaneously.

11. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 9, wherein

the first ~~moveable~~cover element and the second moveable element are arranged to move at different speeds.

12. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 9, wherein

the electrical motor is arranged to move the first ~~moveable~~cover element and the second moveable element in opposite directions.

13. (Currently Amended) In a portable electronic device having a user interface a method for moving a ~~moveable~~cover element between a first position in which a part of the user interface is covered and a second position in which that part of the user interface is uncovered, comprising the steps of:

converting electrical power into a first mechanical power in the form of rotation with a first speed by an electrical motor; and

converting said ~~second~~first mechanical power to a movement of said ~~moveable~~cover element between the first position and said second position on a surface of the user interface.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of converting the first mechanical power into a second mechanical power in the form of rotation with a second speed that is lower than said first speed by a gear.

15. (New) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said interface is mounted on the device for sliding movement and said converting means comprises a gear driven by said electric motor, said gear engaging a first toothed surface on the cover element and a second toothed surface on said interface wherein rotation of the gear causes movement of the cover element and interface in opposite directions.

16. (New) A portable electronic device, according to claim 1, further comprising a second cover element mounted for sliding movement from a first position partially covering said interface and a second position in which that part of the user interface is uncovered, wherein said converting means comprises a gear driven by said electric motor, said gear engaging a first toothed surface on the first cover element and a second toothed surface on said second cover element wherein rotation of the gear causes movement of the first and second cover elements in opposite directions.